

Minutes PU-meeting (IBM)

Place: BBB, 6th floor, large meeting room

Date: 15.10.19

Time: 13.00 – 14.30

Attendees: Anni Vedeler (head of the programme committee, IBM), Rolf Bjerkvig (acting head of department, IBM), Frode Berven (deputy head of department, IBM), Marc Niere (IBM), Hege Dale (IBM), Inari Kursula (IBM), Bianca Cecilie Nygård (head of section of student affairs, IBM) Sayintha Jeyendran and Emma Rigg (2nd year master representatives), Mary Enyioko (1st year master representative), and Ingvill Tolås (secretary).

Did not attend: Mathias Ziegler (Head of the department, IMB), Frits Thorsen (IBM), Stefan Johansson (K2), Silke Appel (K2), Charalampos Tzoulis (K1), Arvid Lundervold (IBM).

Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

All attendees approved the minutes from last meeting and the agenda

2. Presentation of new master representative

First year student representative Mary Enyioko was introduced and welcomed.

3. ELMED219 included amongst pre-approved subjects in the masters programme.

This topic was briefly discussed and approved

4. Change of schedule in BMED320

Currently the schedule for this course is sparse early in the semester, but fills up towards Christmas and continues into January. It was therefore discussed whether the schedule could be shifted as to fit it into one semester. It was concluded that a draft of a schedule should be made (Ingvill+Inari) to see if this is feasible. If ok, this can be discussed/approved at the next meeting.

Other aspects of the course were also discussed. Of particular concern was the issue of getting enough lab space and supervisors. This will need to be discussed in greater detail at another meeting.

5. Admission and masters agreement

For the first time the task of admission was moved from the departments to the central administration. The new arrangement was discussed and it was concluded that the committee would like a written description of the new assessment process (will be sent to the committee along with this document). Further, the section for student affairs has observed a large drop out of students this year compared to the norm. It was speculated whether this could be due to the new admission strategy. The committee also wondered whether it is possible to take some of

the control back to the department. These concerns/questions will be brought to the central administration at a meeting held on October 24th.

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Master agreements have been under revision and were therefore briefly discussed. It was agreed that this document will be sent out to the members of the committee who can then comment.

6. ChiNor – financial plan, content and plans for the future – proposal to its approval as a subject/course.

All attendees were given the course description and the schedules for both Bergen and China. Marc and Hege presented the plan for Bergen. Possible overlap with BMED370 was discussed. It was agreed that the responsible for BMED370, Ruth Brenk, will participate in the development of the ChiNor programme together with Mathias Ziegler and Hao Fang to avoid overlap. It was agreed that Marc and Hege also should participate in this.

The attendees knew too little about the ChiNor project/summer and winter school to discuss it thoroughly. Therefore only the part of the course planned for February in Bergen was discussed in detail in this meeting. Currently the course is "out of sync", meaning that the Norwegian students who went to China are not eligible to participate in Norway, while the Chinese student who participated in China will be participating. It was therefore suggested by Hege that the course in February will be offered only to the Chinese students, thus allowing the next set of the course to be synced. There was broad agreement on this. Further, Marc needs help in organizing and running the course. Bianca will look into this. Lastly, the financial aspect of the course was discussed. This will be covered by INPART funding (Rolf). All in all it was concluded that the winter school this year will be run as a pilot project with only Chinese students attending. Once the details are in place regarding course content and plan for a 2020 summer school this should be presented to the programme board and can then be assessed as a subject. The aim will then be to do the Chinese part of the course in June and the Norwegian part in August, with the same students attending both parts.

7. Other issues

Quality of education committee. Anni briefs everyone that the master's programme in biomedicine is up for evaluation in 2021. Everyone should therefore consider what the programme examiner should look into. One suggestion is BMED320 – does this cover all relevant methods? Are some methods too specialized? It was agreed that this should be discussed further at the first PU meeting spring 2020.

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